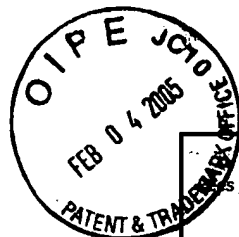


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| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
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**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

| Fee Description                                    | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)            | 50       | 25                    |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims                          | 360      | 180                   |

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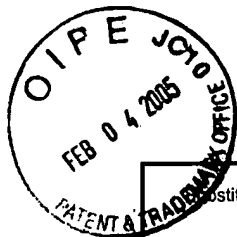
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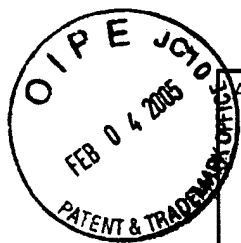
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